



Macclesfield Town Council Finance Committee

Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on the 9th May 2022 at 7pm at Macclesfield Town Hall.

In Attendance:

Cllr Neil Puttick
Cllr Fiona Wilson
Cllr Sarah Bennett-Wake
Cllr Mike Hutchison
Cllr Chris Wilcock

1 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Alift Harewood

2 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

The meeting was adjourned for public questions and comments.

Pete Lake, spoke on the grant submitted by the Macclesfield Armed Forces and Veterans Breakfast Club who are seeking funding towards a Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration. Pete spoke about the need for events to bring veterans together to aid with social inclusion, help with mental health by bringing together people with shared experiences. The funding will go towards meals, decorations etc so as many veterans can attend as possible.

Nick Cheetham from Macclesfield Music Centre spoke on the grant they have submitted to help the music centre recover after the pandemic. The grant will go

towards helping the music centre run 4 different music lessons for a whole academic year. Children and adults are welcome and can learn together and instruments can be loaned to ensure that the lessons are open to anyone,

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Resolved: The minutes were approved.

4 Updates from the Minutes

There were no updates from the minutes.

5 Grant Applications

5.1 Macclesfield Scouts

Resolved: The grant application for £250 was approved.

5.2 Circus Starr

Resolved: The grant application for £1000 was approved.

5.3 Rossendale Trust

Resolved: The grant application for £1000 was approved.

5.4 Macclesfield Arms Forces Veterans Breakfast Club

Resolved: The grant application for £1806.15 was approved.

5.5 Macclesfield Music Centre

Resolved: The grant application for £2000 was approved.

5.6 Weston Community Centre

Resolved: The grant for £5015.83 plus vat was approved.

6 Grant Updates

6.1 Grant Update Report

The report was noted and the Committee requested more information from the Youth Federation on the feasibility study in particular:

- How many responses have been received?
- What methods were used to collect views?
- Can the study be extended to get more views?

7 Indoor Market Proposal

Resolved: Although the Committee are very supportive towards events in the indoor market, the event has to be sustainable. The Committee delegated the power to the Clerk, to work with the Town Centre Manager and the traders in the

indoor market to help the event be more sustainable and eco friendly up to the amount of £857.10.

8 Finances

Resolved:

8.1 Internal Audit Update.

The report was noted.

8.2 End of Year Figures and Reports

The following reports were noted:

- Receipts and Payments.
- Bank Reconciliation.
- Income and Expenditure.
- Ear Marked Reserves Report.
- List of authorised payments.

8.3 To consider the approval of the Annual Governance Statement

The Annual Governance Statement for Full Council 16th May 2022 was approved.

8.4 To consider the approval of the Accounting Statements 2021/22

The Accounting Statements for Full Council 16th May 2022 was approved.

8.5 To note the following report for 2022/23

The report was noted.

Supplementary Agenda Item

9 Cheshire East Council Consultations and Surveys

The Committee decided to take 9.1 and 9.2 together.

9.1 Winter Maintenance Top Up Scheme – Closing Date 27th May 2022

9.2 End of Season Review of Winter Gritting

Resolved: The recommendation for Full Council is for the Town Council to work on getting the CEC winter gritting route reviewed and changed so that the steepest roads taken of the gritting route for winter 21/22 are added back on. The Town Clerk will contact CE Highways and ask when the views of the route will be taken from residents and Town Councils.

The top up scheme should only be considered once the above review has taken place.

9.3 Highways Survey of Town and Parish Satisfaction - Closing date 31 May 2022

Resolved: The Committee discussed the survey and the general consensus is a dissatisfaction with the Highways Service. The recommendation would be to request regular meetings with Highways to improve communication and relationships.

10 Date/Time and Place of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Finance Committee will be held at 7pm on 4th July 2022, at Macclesfield Town Hall.

Meeting Closed: 9pm

Chair: Cllr Neil Puttick

Clerk: Laura Smith